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1. TODAY I CALLED ON WILLI DE CLERCQ VICE PREMIER AND FINANCE

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MINISTER TO DISCUSS WITH HIM ON-GOING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

APPOINTMENT HAD BEEN SET UP TWO WEEKS AGO. VICE PREMIER OPENED CONVERSATION BY IMMEDIATELY ADVERTING TO FEB. 11 WASHINGTON MEETING. HE SAID THAT AT MEETING OF C-TWENTY AT ROME THE JAPANESE MINISTER OF FINANCE SUGGESTED THAT DELEGATIONS TO WASHINGTON MEETING INCLUDE MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND THAT HE, DE CLERCQ, THEN TENDED TO AGREE WITH HIS JAPANESE COLLEAGUE.

2. I SAID THAT WE STILL THOUGHT PARTICIPATION OF FINANCE MINISTERS (AND OTHER MINISTERS) TO BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. DE CLERCQ DID NOT CONCEAL HIS HOPE OF JOINING BELGIAN DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON. HE SAID THAT VAN ELSLANDE, MINDFUL OF FRENCH RELUCTANCE, INSISTED UPON KEEPING DELEGATION DOWN TO FOREIGN MINISTERS AND EXPERT OFFICIALS. HE EXPECTED TOMORROW'S EC COUNCIL MEETING TO DEAL WITH COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT, WERE U.K. AND GERMANY TO FIELD DELEGATIONS COMPOSED OF MINISTERS OTHER THAN FOREIGN MINISTER, OTHER EC MEMBERS MINUS FRENCH WOULD FOLLOW SUIT. STRAUZ-HUPE

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